THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT) (DEPARTMENT OFEDUCATION & DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (KUMARI SELJA): (a) A Navodaya Vidyalaya each has been sanctioned in Karimganj, Sonitpur, Kamrup, Cachar, Sibesagar, Nalbari, Barpeta, Darrang, Tinsukia, Dibrugarh, Kokrajhar, Morigaon, Kabilnglong, Golaghat and Jorhat districts of Assam.

(b) and (c) All the Navodaya Vidyalayas in Assam are functioning except for the one sanctioned in District Jorhat. The school in Jorhat District is not functioning due to sufficient infrastructural facilities not being provided by the State Government.

Construction of Syl Canal

423. SHRI K.R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in the construction of Sutlej-Yamuna Link Canal so far;

(b) the cost so far incurred thereon;

(c) how much more it will cost; and

(d) by when it is expected to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (d) The information cannot be disclosed in public interest.

Missile threat on Indian Ports by Pakistan

424. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY:
SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Army authorities in the Poonch-Rajouri Section have definite information of Pakistan using Two missile to target some Indian ports on the Line of Control (LOC); and

(b) if so, what steps, diplomatic and military, are being contemplated by Government to ensure the safety of the local people and security of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE AND THE DEPTT. OF DEFENCE RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) In Jan 1996, Army authorities had some uncorroborated information to suggest that there was a possibility of Pakistan using TOW missile to target some Indian posts in the Punch Sector. As the information was uncorroborated, the matter was not taken up with Pakistani authorities. No missiles were fired by the Pakistani troops.

In cases of firings from across the border, appropriate measures are taken to safeguard the safety of the local populace and security of the country.

Approval of rail upgrade Plans

425. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item as reported in the Business Age of January 8, 1996 to the effect that Rs. 2,000 crore rail-upgrade plan, including the Mumbai Suburban System has been approved by Government; and

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the project-wise cost and the time frame for implementation thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH KALMADI): (a) and (b) Details of some of the projects in progress/ being undertaken to upgrade railway network in Maharashtra State, including Mumbai suburban system, are given below:

S.No.	Name of Project	Anticipated cost (Rs. in crs.)	Likely time for completion
1.	Diva-Vasai-Doubling	90.00	2 years
2.	Diva-Panvel-Doubling	47.00	2 years
3.	Thane-Turbhe-Nerul/Vashi Doubling	135.30	4 years
4.	Belapur-Panvel-Doubling	142.87	3 years
5.	Panvel-Karjat-New Line	89.00	3 years
6.	Kurla-Thane Phase I (Additional corridor)	48.00	3 years
7.	Remodelling of Kalyan, Thane and Dadar.	7.00	2 years
8.	Vasai-Vaitarna 3rd line	46.16	Not fixed
9.	Borivali-Vasai Road quadrupling of lines.	131.55	Not fixed
10.	Mumbai Central-Borivali 5th & 6th line.	39.80	Not fixed
11.	Amaravati-Narkhed New line	138.00	End of IX Plan
12.	Ahmednagar-Beed-Parli Vaijanath	353.00	During X Plan
13.	Fifth line between Santacruz-Borivali	66.96	4 years
14.	Churchgate-Cover over platforms Nos. 3 & 4	1.08	2 years
15.	Dadar-replacement of central foot over bridge.	2.06	3 years
16.	Andheri-Replacement of North foot over bridge	2.95	2 years
17.	Bhayander-Additional foot over bridge	3.13	2 years
18.	Andheri-Rebuilding of Stn. Buldg.	0.67	2 years
19.	Borivali-Rebuilding of Stn. Buldg.	0.69	3 years
20.	Santacruz-Vile Parle-ROE in lieu of L.C. No. 21	4.97	4 years
21.	Malad-Kandvali-ROB in lieu of L.C. No. 31	6.04	4 years
22.	Borivali ROB in lieu of L.C. No. 33	4.81	4 years
23.	Parel Workshop-Balancing facility	2.68	2 years
24.	Dadar Computerised passenger reservation system	3.19	Not fixed
25.	Dahisar Traction sub-station of 2×3 MW capacity	8.41	3 years
26.	Mahalaxmi & Vile Parle Sub-station Augmentation of power supply.	2.54	3 years

S.No.	Name of Project	Anticipated cost (Rs. in crs.)	Likely time for completion
27.	Borivali sub-station: Augmentation on provision of additional feeder No. 2	0.95	3 years
28.	Virar Sub-station: 22KV power supply & replacement of 33 KV transformers with 22 KV	1.43	3 years
29.	Khandivali Car Shed: Augmentation of facilities	1.44	Not fixed
30.	Grant Road-Replacement of old 150 DC cables	0.42	2 years
31.	Borivali-Replacement of relay equipment in control tower.	2.30	2 years
32.	Churchgate-Virar: Providing centralised traffic control and train Describer system	9.79	2 years
33.	Churchgate-Ahmedabad sections: Universal radio communication.	4.97	Not fixed.
34.	Universal Radio Communication between Mumbai VT-Kalyan-Igatpuri and Kalyan-Pune; Ballarshah-Nagpur-Itarsi; Itarsi-Bhusawal; Igatpuri-Bhusawal-Wardha; etc.	6.91	Not fixed.
35.	Augmentation of Passenger Amenities at Dadar, Nagpur, Pune-Lonavla section, Gondia.	9.90	Not fixed
36.	Parbhani-Purna-Nanded-Mudkhed Gauge Conversion	80.00	Completed
37.	Mudkhed-Adilabad Gauge Conversion.	108.00	1 year
38.	Gondia-Chanda Fort Gauge Conversion	158.83	1 year
39.	Miraj-Latur NG to BG Conversion	225.00	3 year
40.	Sholapur-Gadag Gauge Conversion	180.00	1 year
41.	Daund-Bhigwan doubling	38.78	2 year
42.	Roha-Panvel provision of 4 quadrant RE cables.	0.75	1 year
43.	Mumbai Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus-remodelling of yard.	20.23	2 years
44.	Mumbai Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus-Washable apron on platform No. 14	0.31	Not fixed

The timely completion of the projects would, however, depend on the availability of funds.